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SUBJECT: EX-SOVIET JEWS IN BELGIUM

REF: BRUSSELS 7734 (NOTAL)

SUMMARY: JOSEPH KADLEC, INS CHIEF FRANKFURT, BRIEFED BELGIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY CHANCELLERY DIVISION OFFICIALS VAN DYKE AND DE CAT NOVEMBER 20 ON STATUS OF USG EFFORTS TO SOLVE PROBLEM. INFORMATION PROVIDED BELGIANS WAS EXTREMELY WELL RECEIVED BY THEM AND WENT LONG WAY TO ASSURE THEM THAT THEIR PROBLEM WAS BEING RESOLVED. END SUMMARY.

1. BELGIANS EXPLAINED THEY HOPED TO FIND LONG-TERM SOLUTION TO PROBLEM OF EX-SOVIET JEWS WHO ARE NOW, OR MIGHT IN FUTURE CHOOSE TO STAY, IN BELGIUM WHILE AWAITING ACCEPTANCE FOR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ULTIMATE RE-SETTLEMENT ELSEWHERE. THEY WANT TO BE CONSISTENT

IN THEIR HANDLING OF THESE PERSONS WITH ACTIONS THEY HAVE FELT IT NECESSRY TO TAKE AGAINST OTHER NON-EC SO-CALLED "CLANDESTINE" WORKERS. THEY TOUCHED ON INTRA-MINISTERIAL PROBLEMS THEY HAD, WITH FOREIGN MINISTRY TAKING MOST LENINET POSITION ON HUMANITARIAN BASIS. THEY CLEARLY WERE CONCERNED THAT PUBLICITY ON BELGIAN HANDLING OF EX-SOVIET JEWS MIGHT EITHER ENCOURAGE MORE TO ARRIVE IF THEY SHOW LENIENCY OR PROVIKE PLO INTEREST IF THEY RETURN THEM TO ISRAEL.

2. THEIR QUESTIONS FOCUSSED ON SCOPE OF USRP. KADLEC REPLIED I ANSWER SPECIFIC QUESTIONS THAT (A) HOLDERS OF ISRAELI PASSPORTS WERE NOT AUTOMATICALLY EXCLUDED FROM USRP PROCESSING EVEN ON INDIVIDUAL CASE BASIS; (B) THAT PAST COMMUNIST AFFILIATION WAS NOT AUTOMATIC GROUNDS FOR EXCLUSION AND EXPLAINED CONSIDERATIONS INVOLVED; (C) THAT PERSONS REJECTED WERE INFORMED OF REASONS FOR REJECTION IN WRITING, WHICH WILL PERMIT BELGIAN AUTHORITIES TO REVIEW STATUS OF REJECTEES WHEN SHORT-TERM TEMPORARY RESIDENCE PERMITS ARE UP FOR RENEWAL; (D) THAT SOME REJECTED UNDER USRP ARE REJECTED ONLY BECAUSE THEY ARE OTHERWISE ELIGIBLE UNDER IMMIGRANT VISA PROCEDURES FOR ACCEPTANCE TO US; AND (E) THAT FIRST GROUP TO LEAVE FOR US IS LIKELY TO DEPART BELGIUM IN JANUARY 1975.

3. FOR GENEVA. BELGIANS RAISED ON QUESTION ON WHICH WE DEFERRED REPLY: WILL USG, THROUGH VOLAGS, CONTINUE TO HOUSE AND FEED THOSE APPLICANTS NOT FOUND ELIGIBLE FOR ENTRY US AS REFUGEES? WOULD APPRECIATE REPLY WE CAN PASS ON.

4. KADLEC PROVIDED BELGIANS WITH FOLLOWING STATISTICAL INFO ON REFUGEES REGISTERED WITH VOLAGS HERE:  
WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES-65 REGISTERED (23 WANT TO GO TO US; 25 TO CANADA; 2 TO S. AFRICA AND 13 UNDECIDED)  
CARITAS-267 REGISTERED (190 TO US; 192 TO CANADA; 5 TO S. AFRICA. FIGURES INCLUDE 70 WHO HAVE INDICATED INTEREST IN BOTH US AND CANADA)  
TOLSTOY-317 REGISTERED (260 TO US; 33 TO CANADA: 4 TO BRAZIL; 7 TO AUSTRALIA AND 13 HAVE RECEIVED PERMISSION TO STAY IN BELGIUM)  
TOTAL REGISTERED-649. (ACCORDING TO BELGIAN CHANCELLERY, ESTIMATED TOTAL IN BELGIM IS HOLDING STEADY AT 700-800, WHICH CONCURS WITH GENEVA USRP ESTIMATE.) AS OF NOV 22 INS REPS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WILL HAVE REVIEWED APPROXIMATELY 250 DOSSIERS ON PERSONS WISHING TO GO TO US. 125 DOSSIERS MORE WILL BE READY FOR INS REVIEW WEEK OF DECEMBER 2.  
TOTAL REJECTIONS BY INS TO DATE ARE 4. TWO ARE NOT REFUGEES WITHIN INS CRITERIA; 2 BECAUSE ELIGIBLE FOR REGULAR IMMIGRANT VISAS. BELGIANS SAID THIS LAST INFO CAME AS WELCOME SURPRISE AS THEY HAD ENVISAGED A SIZEABLE GROUP OF POSSIBLE REJECTEES AS HARD-CORE COMMUNISTS OR CRIMINALS WITH WHICH THEY WOULD HAVE

TO DEAL.

5. COMMENT: PROBLE IS WELL ON THE ROAD TO SOLUTION AND  
BELGIANS NOW APPEAR CONVINCED OF IT AND ARE GRATEFUL FOR  
USG EFFORTS. WE WILL STAY IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH THEM TO  
MAKE SURE THAT REMAINS THE CASE. FIRESTONE

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